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For: Reducing Leakage Currents in  
Memories With Phase-Change  
Material

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Art Unit: 2815

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY TO FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the final rejection, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1 (Amended). A method comprising:

forming a buried line of a first conductivity type in a bulk substrate, said buried line including a pair of more lightly doped regions above and below a more heavily doped region;

creating a region of a second conductivity type opposite said first conductivity type in said bulk substrate; and

forming a phase-change material over said region.

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

11 (Amended). A memory cell comprising:

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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
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- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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